

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of remarks to follow is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application of which Claims 1, 9, 10, 17 and 18 are independent claims.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,822,418 to Yacenda ("Yacenda") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,031,228 to Lu ("Lu"). This rejection is respectfully traversed herein.

Claim 1 recites "generating an indicium that associates the known person with the respective region in which the known person is located in response to the identified known person from the processed image." (emphasis added)

The Examiner acknowledges that Yacenda "does not teach the use of images to identify known person from the processed image." OA, page 2, paragraph 4. Accordingly, since the reference fails to teach processing an image or images, it also does not teach generating an indicium which associates the identified person "from the processed image" with a particular location, as recited by claim 1.

To remedy the above-noted deficiencies of Yacenda, the Examiner cites Lu. Lu suggests using a system operable to identify a person or persons constituting a viewing audience in an unidentified location. Used for statistical purposes, Lu teaches a person-identifying system having a single camera which is installed in an unidentified location. Consequently, Lu is not concerned with associating a person with a particular location. Lu teaches associating a person or persons with his/her or their identities. What Lu does not teach or suggest is associating a person identified from a processed image with a particular location. Therefore, Lu, like Yacenda, does not teach generating an indicium associating a person from a processed image with the particular location.

The Examiner's concludes:

"It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skills in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the features ... as taught by Lu, in Yacenda's system in order to have an alternative method of location a person using cameras instead of using transceiver and remote badges. Furthermore, for each known person identified, Yacenda's system would obviously identify ... a distinctive

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mark so that the PBX can connect the call to the extension associated with the identified person located at the specified telephone extensions." OA, page 2, second paragraph

By combining the cited references, the Examiner suggests replacing IR transceivers and badges of Yacenda with a camera of Lu. However, having the IR transceivers replaced in Yacenda leaves a combination of the cited references without a

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